

PRESS RELEASE

Carlmont Village Shopping Center

Seventeen years ago (March 9, 1982) the National Flood Insurance Program, under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopted a revised panel of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the community of Belmont. This map indicated the large central portion of Carlmont Village Shopping Center within the Zone A limits of a 100-year probability flood. Appropriate insurance rates were applied since then.

In 1983, the City Council of the City of Belmont, by resolution, authorized the extension of the upstream 84-inch diameter culvert pipe across the Center's property which was constructed and accepted. No action was taken to revise the floodway on the FIRM map.

In December, 1998, the City of Belmont Public Works Department began the process to have the FIRM map revised by FEMA and to waive the fee involved. Though the passage of time made the process more difficult, the map was revised to reflect a Zone B classification, stating that the 100-year storm waters are now contained in the culvert pipe. This will allow the affected properties to be relieved of the flood insurance requirement for Zone A designation.

